

May 9, 2014

NWT Labour Force Activity - April 2014 -

In April 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,700 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 68.0% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 60.7%.

Compared to the previous month, the NWT employment rate increased by 0.5 percentage points, translating into 100 additional employed persons. This is the first time in four months that the employment rate has increased. The unemployment rate also increased to 8.8%, as more people looked for work.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, April 2014

	Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-13
Population	31,900	32,000	32,100
Labour Force	23,800	23,500	23,700
Employed	21,700	21,600	21,700
Unemployed	2,100	1,900	2,000
Not in Labour Force	8,200	8,500	8,400
Participation (%)	74.6	73.4	73.8
Employment (%)	68.0	67.5	67.6
Unemployment (%)	8.8	8.1	8.4

Figure 1 *Employment Rates*
Northwest Territories, 2012-2014

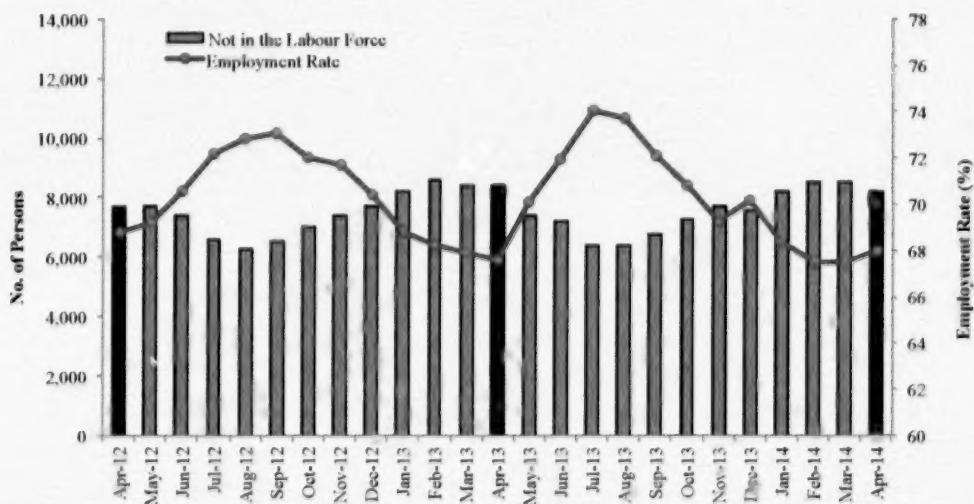


Table 2 shows the number of employed persons and the employment rate by key characteristics. Between March 2014 and April 2014, the employment rate increased for females, people 25 years and over, non-aboriginals, and people living in Yellowknife.

Table 2 *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics
Northwest Territories*

	Apr-14		Mar-14		Feb-14	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	21,700	68.0	21,600	67.5	21,600	67.5
15-24 Yrs.	2,800	43.7	3,000	46.2	3,000	46.2
25 Yrs. & Over	18,900	74.1	18,600	72.9	18,600	72.9
Males	11,300	68.5	11,600	69.9	11,500	69.3
Females	10,400	67.5	10,000	64.9	10,100	65.6
Aboriginal	7,400	51.4	7,700	52.7	7,600	52.4
Non-Aboriginal	14,300	81.3	14,000	80.5	14,000	80.5
Yellowknife	12,300	77.8	12,000	76.9	11,800	76.6
Other	9,400	58.0	9,700	59.1	9,800	59.0

While there was no change in the overall employment between April 2013 and April 2014, there were some shifts in certain areas (Table 3). Over the last 12 months, there has been a shift away from the public sector and into the private sector and self-employment. There has also been a minor shift away from full-time employment, into part-time.

Table 3 *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, April 2014*

	Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-13	Mar-14 to Apr-14	Apr-13 to Apr-14
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,700	21,600	21,700	100	-
Full-time	19,100	19,300	19,600	(200)	(500)
Part-time	2,600	2,300	2,100	300	500
Employees	19,600	19,500	20,400	100	(800)
Public	8,500	8,400	9,900	100	(1,400)
Private	11,100	11,200	10,500	(100)	600
Self-employment	2,000	2,100	1,300	(100)	700
Goods Producing	3,600	3,700	3,800	(100)	(200)
Service Producing	18,100	17,900	18,000	200	100

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 **Labour Force Activity**
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partici- pation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Apr-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.8	68.0
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Previous Years:								
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Apr-12	32,100	24,300	22,100	2,200	7,700	75.7	9.1	68.8
Apr-11	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Apr-10	32,200	22,200	20,600	1,600	10,100	68.9	7.2	64.0
Apr-09	32,100	22,900	21,800	1,100	9,200	71.3	4.8	67.9
Apr-08	32,100	23,900	22,500	1,400	8,100	74.5	5.9	70.1
Apr-07	31,500	24,700	23,400	1,300	6,900	78.4	5.3	74.3
Apr-06	31,200	23,900	22,800	1,000	7,300	76.6	4.2	73.1
Apr-05	31,200	23,400	22,500	900	7,800	75.0	3.8	72.1
Apr-04	30,800	23,300	22,100	1,200	7,600	75.6	5.2	71.8

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca> or call (867) 873-7147.

Next Release: June 6, 2014